This 4 ft. by 8 ft. painting was created last year by Trevor Little, a long time resident of Anacla, and grandson to the late Carrie Little and Cathy Robinson. It celebrates an important part of Huu-ay-aht history. It depicts the fifty Huu-ay-aht warriors who led the heroic fight to recover traditional Huu-ay-aht territories from the Clallum, a Salish tribe living on the south side of Puget Sound. The Clallum had occupied Huu-ay-aht territories for at least a generation before their expulsion around 1862 (Chief Louie/Eugene Arima from “Huu-ay-aht History of the Ḵ̓ixšin Family”). Photo: John Jack, 2008.

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From the Chief-Councillor: Community Forest in Huu-ay-aht Territory

In an article in the Alberni Valley News explained how the riding of Nelson-Creston’s MLA, Corky Evans, has seemed to weather the current situation in the forestry industry by establishing community forests. The Nelson-Creston riding has six community forests and seven sawmills currently operating within one hundred kilometers of the Honourable Corky Evans’ house. I am pleased to inform you that the Huu-ay-aht First Nations has pursued the same strategy with a community forest within our traditional territory.

The Huu-ay-aht Forest company is also weathering the economic downturn in forestry. We are able to continue operations due to several reasons. The first reason is that we have a Business Protocol agreement with Western Forest Products that enables us to keep logging in our territory. Another reason that we continue to work while others do not is because it is a top priority of our government to help provide ‘business certainty’ to our forestry operations. The Huu-ay-aht First Nations, the Province of British Columbia and Western Forest Products will continue to benefit and prosper from the timber resources in our territory as long as this ‘business certainty’ remains.

We will continue to keep going as long as the commitments made by the province in the Maa-nulth Treaty are honoured. It is important that BC continue to enable us to proceed with forestry planning and logging in our territory. Creating and maintaining a healthy business climate is essential for a vibrant forestry economy in our territory.

Finally, I believe it is necessary for us to modify our approach to the Working Roundtable on Forestry, a group designed to identify key issues and opportunities facing the forestry sector in the province. Rather than waiting for a committee to respond to the changing nature of the economy, the Huu-ay-aht will task its forestry committee to identify forestry opportunities and improve the forestry economy in our territory.

Following this, we will prepare a Forestry Treaty Plan to ensure we continue to have a vibrant, healthy and sustainable forest industry in Huu-ay-aht Traditional Territory. Forestry is a key component of our plan for economic growth and it is important that we do everything we can to make sure we can still rely on it in the future.

Klecko, klecko!

Robert Dennis Sr. has been Chief-Councillor of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations for over thirteen years and has extensive experience in the forestry sector.

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Taking Charge of the Challenges Facing the Community

On Friday, July 11th at the Huu-pacasahst House of Gathering, some 42 Huu-ay-aht members joined in with the Chief and Council to consider matters important to all Huu-ay-aht: pending legal court cases, update on Maa-nulth Treaty signing, and a discussion on HFN forestry. The membership also considered the need for decisions related to the creation of a new Huu-ay-aht Cemetery. Community and family violence were also on the agenda for discussion.

Huu-ay-aht legal counsel, Rob Botterell explained the several options related to the Ditidaht court case against us and the other parties of the Maa-nulth Treaty. Rob also presented an update on the Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries Litigation is now being heard at the Supreme Court with decision likely to be rendered in Spring 2009.

The membership considered the merits of an amendment to the current Huu-ay-aht Election Act on the issue of terms of office for Chief and Council. This topic will be discussed further at the Huu-ay-aht membership meeting.

Derek Peters proposed that the Community explore the Guiding Principles on Sustainable Forestry for our next HFN Community Meeting at the People’s Assembly on October 18th at the House of Huuayahlt.

The incidence of family violence and its ripple effect was considered by the Huu-ay-aht members at the meeting with caring and respect extended to those who shared their personal experiences. The challenges presented by the multiple issues of family violence, the long-term / post-traumatic effects of the Indian Residential School experiences and the dangers and sadness of long-term drug and alcohol abuse were discussed openly and honestly.

On Tuesday July 15th, the HFN Chief and Council met with the community to consider pressing problems of violence and substance abuse confronting the community of Anacla and the urgent need to take decisive steps toward some solutions.

It was agreed that a best immediate next step would be for the community itself to undertake activities that promote opportunities for youth to practice traditional virtues of hospitality and respect (ji-sak-mis).

The Families of Anacla will be welcoming the Ahousaht paddlers participating of the Canoe Quest Journey. This will take place at the beach at Pachena Bay where they will enjoy our famous Huu-ay-aht hospitality, Saturday July 19th, 2008.
It is now possible for many Huu-ay-aht to see a time in the near future where we will be able to use our own language to greet each other, share information and just plain quu-quu-atsa with friends and family from across the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

This past June 16th-17th at the Nuu-chah-nulth Language Gathering in Campbell River, the Huu-ay-aht First Nations joined in solidarity with language champions from across the Nuu-chah-nulth territories to share our energy and language materials.

Huu-ay-aht Na-naniiqsu, or grandparents, had lots of opportunity to speak in the Huu-ay-aht dialect with fluent Nuu-chah-nulth speakers representing every community on the West Coast. We also made a presentation to the Gathering and told the story of our efforts to recover the use of the spoken Huu-ay-aht language, the hopes we have for Paawats to produce bi-lingual speakers and our longer-term plans to increase spoken Huu-ay-aht in the workplace, offices, homes, schools and playground.

Speaking on behalf of the Huu-ay-aht were Na-sismiis (Derek Peters), Qwiik-mak-sik (Robert Dennis), Ha-weh-tuu-iis (Benson Nookemis), Kathy Waddell (Paawats Supervisor), Dr. Terry Klokeid (Linguist), Ki-ke-in (Ron Hamilton from Hupacasath), Denny Durocher (Language Program Support), and Kli-kli-us-ucks (Nellie Dennis).

The Huu-ay-aht made a presentation of the recently updated Paawats Handbook to each of the fourteen Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. The assembled participants passed a consensus action resolution to maintain the positive momentum to recover our spoken languages. The resolution will mobilize our energy at the First Nations and Tribal Council level to press the provincial and federal governments to help despite the fact that the Crown worked so diligently to obliterate our languages over the past 120 years.

On June 18th, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation responsible for Partnerships and Community Renewal, Hon. Arlene Paton, and her Senior Advisor on Language and Culture, Ben Morton, visited the village of Anacla to see Paawats and consider community needs in language and child-development.

The Huu-ay-aht Language Recovery Plan received another valuable financial endorsement when the First Peoples Heritage Language Culture Council funded our proposal to produce two booklets featuring Nuu-chah-nulth, through mostly Huu-ay-aht and Kyuquot-Checklesaht sources, topics that unify our language and culture: Nuu-chah-nulth Spiritual Beliefs and the Nuu-chah-nulth Lunar Calendar.

June 21st, 2008: The Aboriginal Day Celebration at Pacific Rim National Park Reserve near Ucluelet and Tofino, BC. At left, Ralph Johnson plays lehal while Hilda Nookemis looks on. In the middle, Tammy Nookemus dances with her daughter Helena and Karen Haugen follows. At right, Steve and Cory Howard sing while Cory Jr. and Doug dance. At the event, the Huu-ay-aht Youth Group earned over $1,000 for providing a seafood BBQ to onlookers.

Waasciyukhak? (Where are you going?)

Answer: Cha-chinquis

Located near the traditional Winter village of Nummakimyiis, this is an important island in our history.
HUU-AAY-AHT GRANDPARENTS, ELDERS AND MEMBERS DISCUSS CULTURAL TOPICS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Over the past two years, an enthusiastic group of Huu-ay-aht grandparents have been meeting every few months on important cultural issues. Their purpose is to make sure that younger Huu-ay-aht members have access to important knowledge about traditional cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

From the Huu-ay-aht Cultural Interpretation Group to the Huu-ay-aht Ey-iichim Group and now to its present name as the Huu-ay-aht Na-naniiqsu Group, this vital gathering of knowledgeable people has gone through several name changes.

Working on the principle that no one person is the expert on cultural matters, everyone present in the group can contribute their piece of information. This process makes it possible to construct a shared understanding about Huu-ay-aht customs, practices and beliefs. Another important group principle is that young people have a place in these meetings and can share their experiences, questions and points of view.

Originally funded through a 2006 Human Resources Services Canada grant called “New Horizons for Seniors”, the group held a series of Cultural Interpretation Workshops to provide Huu-ay-aht youth access to authoritative information that will help explain our culture and history to visitors in our territories. The group also undertook a study of Cultural Centres in Alert Bay and Campbell River with an eye to developing our own Huu-ay-aht Cultural Institute.

Topics discussed during meetings have included the many reasons for holding potlatches: tsi-as (wedding proposal), thuch-haa (wedding ceremony), thlaakt’uulth (end of grief), emthaxshitl (naming), yaxmalthit (brushing off), tliitsu (feasting), ayts’uultha (young woman’s coming of age) and preparation for conducting business at potlatches.

With facilitation services provided by Ki-ke-in (Ron Hamilton), the group has also examined Huu-ay-aht virtues and explored shared understandings about grief and ceremonial practices in dealing with death and loss.

Several Booklets are planned for publication and will include a collection of information on potlatches (mentioned above) and two other topics: the traditional Lunar Calendar and our Spiritual Belief Systems.

The Na-naniiqsu meetings are generally held on the first Friday of every month. Due to holiday on August 1st, the next meeting will be held on Friday, August 8th at the Cedar Wood Lodge on 5895 River Road, Port Alberni, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Na-naniiqsu On the Move

HUU-AAY-AHT ATHLETE GROUNDED IN FAMILY TRADITIONS

Fredrick Cook is not only an outstanding athlete but has been groomed since childhood to understand his responsibilities as a member of a proud, chiefly family of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

The grandson of hereditary chief Jeff Cook and his wife Laverne Cook, Fredrick is the son of Sherri Cook and Thomas Dick. Always accompanied by family members, he has actively participated in many ceremonial potlatches during his fourteen years.

Fredrick is a fan of many different games and sports but is most passionate about lacrosse. Coaches near and far, have recognized his amazing speed and stick handling skills. He was named to the Midget Bantam Lacrosse Team and will play at the North American Indigenous Games in Cowichan on August 2nd to 10th, 2008.

When surveyed about his hopes and dreams for the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Fredrick sees a prosperous future for the nation that would include a secondary school for Anacla as well as a wide range of sports and recreational activities for Huu-ay-aht community members (swimming pool, ice rink, etc.). He would like to see a variety of ecological friendly methods of power generation such as wind or mini-hydro that could work alongside traditional electrical generating methods to make sure that Anacla has the electrical power it needs to grow.

Fredrick likes traveling, exploring and fishing. His longer-term personal plans include finishing Secondary School, graduating from College or University and, of course, playing more hockey and lacrosse.

The Huu-ay-aht Community is proud to join in the family celebration of Fredrick’s achievements. The Huu-ay-aht First Nations acknowledge his leadership and the good example he provides to our community.
The caterers for food-preparation, please call ahead of time and speak with Marleen at the Huu-ay-aht Band Office (250.728.3414).

Entertainment
• Huu-ay-aht Cultural Group
• Tom Happynook, NTC President
to be held on July 30th at 5:00 PM at the House of Huu-ay-aht, near Bamfield.

Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries Litigation Appreciation Dinner

To provide Nuu-chah-nulth Ha’wiih the opportunity to present recommendations in a productive, solution-oriented way.

Purpose of the Meeting: Forum for Nuu-chah-nulth to present information and updates on fisheries issues. To provide Nuu-chah-nulth Ha’wiih the opportunity to present recommendations in a productive, solution-oriented way.

Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha’wiih
House of Huu-ay-aht, Anacla, BC
July 30th to July 31st, 2008

Wednesday, July 30th, 2008
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM: Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha’wiih Meeting - Day One
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM: Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries Litigation Appreciation Dinner (see below)

Thursday, July 31st, 2008
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM: Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha’wiih Meeting - Day Two

Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries Litigation Appreciation Dinner to be held on July 30th at 5:00 PM at the House of Huu-ay-aht, near Bamfield.

- Master of Ceremonies: Tom Happynook, NTC President
- Entertainment: Huu-ay-aht Cultural Group

Anaca Residents interested in attending this two day meeting and the dinner on Wednesday night, July 30th are welcome to attend. To help out the caterers for food-preparation, please call ahead of time and speak with Marleen at the Huu-ay-aht Band Office (250.728.3414).

Ernest Jack was born in Nuunakimyiis, a village at the mouth of the Sarita River, on November 19th, 1927. Born to Jackson Jack and Maggie Jack (Cootes), Ernest had eleven brothers and sisters. During his childhood, he lived in both the Winter and Summer villages: Nuunakimyiis and Chapis (Dodger’s Cove). He is currently the eldest of the two remaining of the twelve children and lives in Parksville with his family.

For the most part, Ernest was raised by his parents in the village sites until he was sent to the first residential school in Port Alberni in 1936 until 1937 when it burned down due to a chimney fire. He returned to residential school in 1939 and continued there until 1944. Though he rarely speaks it, Ernest retained his understanding of the Huu-ay-aht language and maintains good knowledge of “how things were done back then.”

For all of Ernie’s life, he has been a fisherman. Proficient in seining, herring gillnet, long-lining and most of all, trolling, he has experienced fishing on the West Coast of the Island for more than seventy years. When he was twenty, Ernest helped his father build him a fishing boat, the Native III, after proving to him that he was ready to have his own vessel. For over sixty years, the Native III has been Ernest’s livelihood and has provided opportunities for many Huu-ay-aht members to test their mettle as a deckhand.

In 1950, Ernest married a woman from Nitinat named Shirley Chester. That same year, they moved to Bamfield with their new family. They had four children over the next few decades: Irvin in 1949, Myrna in 1951, Sandra in 1955 and Alan in 1961. In 1969, he moved his entire family to Parksville on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, so his youngest children could avoid the residential school and attend a regular secondary school. Though two of his children, Irvin and Sandra, passed away before their time, he and Shirley have five grandchildren: Clayton, Shannon, John, Richard and Jackson.

As an elder and speaker of the language, Ernest believes that the current programs to recover Huu-ay-aht language and culture are a good thing. In particular, he believes that Paawats, the Language Nest, is the best way to teach children the language: “That’s the time to teach them, when they’re that young.”

Ernest lives in Parksville with his family: Shirley, his wife; Alan, his youngest son; and Jackson, his youngest grandson.
EMT-NAAK-SHITL (NAMING CEREMONY) HELD IN NANOOSE

On July 19th in Nanoose Bay, Hailey Frances Jacob was given the name Cha-mii-yuulth (Sound of Whale Blowing) a name from her ekoolth, or great-great grandmother. The name was presented at the Thompson Family Emt-naak-shitl Ceremony where names were given to the three grandchildren of Maude and Charlie (Bukwilla) Thompson. The Thompson share ekoolth kinship with the Cook family and with Ki-ke-in (Ron Hamilton) who presented Hailey with her name.

Hailey Frances Jacob was born June 21st, 2008 to parents Susan Cook (Ki-ke-in-i-sak-sa) and Jason Jacob (Bridge River First Nation). Hailey’s Huu-ay-aht na-naiiqsu, or grandparents, are Deborah Cook (A-naa-pii-a-tuk) and Jack Cook (Hay-uu-chish-tuulth). Her aunt is Hazel F. Cook (Naa-naas-a-taaks) and her Uncle is Herbert Cook (Chuu-uk-waa-chisht).

Pictured left: Ki-ke-in, Ki-ke-in-i-sak-sa holding Cha-mii-yuulth, Hay-uu-chish-tuulth and Yaa-thlua (Jeff Cook).

SAFE, PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF H₂O FOR ANACLA VILLAGE

In August 2008, the village of Anacla will have a new water pumphouse and chlorination plant. The new pumphouse is located by the Pachena River Bridge where the wells were drilled a few years ago. The latest improvements to the water system will assure continued high marks for both the quantity and quality of the Anacla water supply.

The new system will benefit the community in a couple of ways. First, the automatic controls will ensure that there is always adequate water for general community use, fire protection, and for the Pachena Bay Campsite.

The second benefit is the improved chlorination system, the water industry uses chlorine to first disinfect the water and then uses a very small amount to ensure that the pipes of the distribution system are clean. The chlorine residual is traced right to the sink in your home to ensure that the water being served meets Canadian health standards. We are also changing over from sodium chloride to calcium chloride, which means that a trace amount of calcium, which builds strong teeth and bones, will be left in the water instead of a trace of sodium.

The third benefit to the new pumphouse is that the time spent on monitoring and maintenance will be greatly reduced, providing more time to dedicate to other needs.

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**Wednesday, July 30th, 2008**
- Day One of the Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha’wiih event at the House of Huu-ay-aht in Anacla, near Bamfield. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Call Molly or Martha at (250)723-0100 for details.
- NTC Fisheries Litigation Appreciation Dinner at the House of Huu-ay-aht in Anacla, near Bamfield. 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Call Marleen at (250)728-3414 for details.

**Thursday, July 31st, 2008**
- Day Two of the Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha’wiih event at the House of Huu-ay-aht in Anacla, near Bamfield. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call Molly or Martha at (250)723-0100 for details.

**Sunday, August 3rd, 2008**
- Day One of the North American Indigenous Games in Cowichan near Duncan, BC. Opening Ceremony starts with the Parade of Nations at the S’i’em Le’lum Field at 1:00 PM in Duncan.

**Monday, August 4th, 2008**
- British Columbia Day. Huu-ay-aht and NTC Offices closed for this statutory holiday...

**Thursday, August 11th, 2008**
- Day One of Anacla Village Soccer Camp. Ends on Sunday, August 14th. Call the Nancy at the Huu-ay-aht Band Office for details: 1-888-644-4555.

**Tuesday, August 12th, 2008**
- Last Day of the North American Indigenous Games in Duncan, BC. Closing Ceremony at the Pioneer Park at 1:00 PM in Duncan.

**Sunday, August 17th, 2008**
- “Sandcastles on Pachena” Competition: Sponsored by the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department, there will be prize categories for all ages. Starts at 9:00 AM at the Pachena River beach through the campground.

**Tuesday, August 23rd, 2008**
- Traditional Wedding Ceremony

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**Training Opportunity**

**Water Safety and Vessel Piloting Training**

Starting in 2007, it is the law: if you work on the water, you have to complete the following courses.

- Small Non-Pleasure Craft Marine Emergency Duties (20 Miles) (MED A3) – 1 Day Course
- Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) – 3 Day Course

The Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation will provide funding for Huu-ay-aht First Nation members to follow these two courses. If you require this training to keep your current job, or if you require the training for a job you will then be hired, please go to the Huu-ay-aht Band Office and complete the Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program Participant Information form before August 15th, 2008. (Please remember to put down your Social Insurance Number on the form or it will not be processed.)

If we have at least 12 interested people fill out this form, then the training could take place at the House of Huu-ay-aht, possibly in September 2008. For more information, please contact Stefan Ochman, the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Fisheries Manager, at (250) 728-3414.

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**Training Opportunity**

**Field Operator in GPS for Resource Mapping**

A three day course offered to HFN members and others by the Integrated Land Management Bureau of British Columbia. A minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10) people will have to sign up for the course in order for it to be offered. It is likely that the training session will be offered at the House of Huu-ay-aht during the months of September or October.

Field Operator certification is generally a two-day course. There are approximately one thousand people in BC that are trained and certified. A third day has been added so that students can get out in the field and work on actual on-site projects. This third day will help give practice in applying the concepts learned in the course as well as supply custom tools, such as data dictionaries, for development in later projects.

Students will be instructed in the use, applications and regulations for Global Positioning System equipment for resource mapping and navigation. Instruction will take place through hands-on exercises and software demonstrations. Related skills such as note-keeping, off-setting and equipment care will be taught as well.

Possible students include anyone responsible for GPS data collection in the field such as biologists, wildlife and habitat specialists, and forest inventory crews.

If you are interested in this training course, please submit your name and contact information to Tina Charles at the Huu-ay-aht Band Office in Anacla, see Back Page for details.
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Submissions for a new name should be sent to the above mentioned e-mail address. Please include your name and contact information. Hard-copy logo submissions may be submitted to the Band Office in Anacla or the Treaty Office in Port Alberni. Send electronic submissions to the HFN Communications e-mail address. Winners will be selected on October 18th, 2008 and contacted via phone.